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SUBJ: MEETING WITH DR. RUDASINGWA

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. POL/ECON OFFICER MET WITH RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) STRATEGIST DR. THEOGENE RUDASINGWA ON DECEMBER 8 AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST. RUDASINGWA WANTED TO BRIEF US CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDIS 06375 091133Z PAGE 02 ON THE RPF CHAIRMAN'S MEETING WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM IN WHICH THE RPF VOICED ITS STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT DERAIL THE PEACE PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

3. IN A DECEMBER 8 MEETING, RPF STRATEGIST DR. RUDASINGWA SAID THAT HE IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROGRESS ON CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE RPF PRESENTED OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM WITH FOUR OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT "DERAIL" THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. FIRST, THE RPF FEARS THE HUMAN RIGHTS

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SITUATION IN RWANDA IS CONTINUING TO DETERIORATE. HE SAID THAT SALIM WAS NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE RPF CHAIRMAN'S CALLS FOR VIGILANCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT IN RWANDA.

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- 5. THIRD, RUDASINGWA SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA IS "FOOTDRAGGING" ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS -- THEY ARE SKIRTING AROUND THE ISSUE OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS AND PORTFOLIOS.
- 6. FINALLY, RUDASINGWA COMPLAINED ABOUT REPEATED PROVOCATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT TROOPS. HE SAID THAT A "GOOD SOLDIER DOES NOT SIT AROUND AND REACT WHEN ATTACKED, A GOOD SOLDIER PREEMPTS HIS ATTACKERS." HE STRESSED THAT THE RPF IS NOT CURRENTLY POSITIONING ITSELF TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE, BUT WARNED THAT IT IS A CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 ADDIS 06375 0911332 POSSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE.

7. COMMENT. RUDASINGWA MAKES THE ROUNDS OF ALL INTERESTED EMBASSIES IN ADDIS ABABA WHEN HE COMES TO TOWN. HE LET US KNOW THAT ON THIS TRIP, THE FRENCH EMBASSY DECLINED MEETING WITH HIM. HE VIEWS THIS REFUSAL AS NEFARIOUS. WE THINK THE FRENCH ARE AS BUSY AS WE ARE WITH SOMALIA ISSUES AND ARE LEAVING RPF NEGOTIATIONS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN OTHER INTERESTED CAPITALS. THE FRENCH, TOO, MAY BE IMPATIENT WITH CONTINUED RPF WHINING. BAAS

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